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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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KATHERINE MCNENNY,

Petitioner,

**VS.**

LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

Respondent.

Case No.:

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
MANDATE/COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY RELIEF UNDER THE  
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

[Gov't Code § 6250, *et seq.* Civ. Proc. Code § 1085, *et seq.*]

Department:

VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

BY FAX

## INTRODUCTION

1. This is a petition to enforce the California Public Records Act ("CPRA") against Respondent the Li'l Tokyo Businessmen's Association, a.k.a. the Little Tokyo Business Improvement District ("the BID"). Petitioner is seeking records to better understand the BID's role in opposing the formation of the Skid Row Neighborhood Council ("SRNC"). The formation of the SRNC, decided after an April 6th, 2017, election, would have allowed the residents of Skid Row—many of whom are homeless, low-income, marginalized on the basis of identity, and/or otherwise alienated from formal power within the City of Los Angeles—to more easily communicate with the City's elected leadership and to obtain funding in order to better meet local needs. Business interests, including a confederation of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) participating in the organization "United Downtown LA, LLC," ("United DTLA"), opposed the formation. United DTLA hired former Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo as a lobbyist and set about preventing the formation of the SRNC, a neighborhood council in which homeless and low-income residents would have had multiple designated board seats, whereas Skid Row has historically been within the jurisdiction of neighborhood councils dominated by business representatives and property-owning stakeholders. After a close and controversial election, which now the subject of litigation, the formation of the SRNC was defeated.

2. Subsequent to the election, records obtained from various BIDs via public records requests revealed BIDs' roles in United DTLA and the effort to defeat the SRNC. Documents further revealed that Respondent, the Little Tokyo BID, was among those BIDs participating in the effort.

3. On May 28, 2017, Petitioner submitted to Respondent a clear, specific, and easy-to-fulfill request for records under the CPRA. The request sought emails containing various search terms as well as emails to and/or from certain individuals over a five-month period. The records, if disclosed, will shed light on Respondent's participation in frustrating the efforts of Skid Row residents to form an independent neighborhood council. However, in the year that has passed since receiving the request, the BID has failed to provide even a single record. Instead, the BID has—by its non-response and delay—unlawfully frustrated any and all public access to the requested records.

4. Therefore, by this petition and pursuant to the Code of Civ. Procedure §§ 1085, *et seq.* and Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250, *et seq.*<sup>1</sup>, Petitioner seeks a writ of mandate and declaratory relief to enforce the CPRA by compelling the Little Tokyo Business Improvement District to locate and produce the requested records.

**PARTIES**

5. Petitioner Katherine McNenny is a resident of Los Angeles who participated in the Skid Row Neighborhood Council Formation Committee. McNenny lives in the Skid Row area and worked diligently towards the formation of the SRNC. Subsequent to the election, McNenny submitted a number of CPRA requests regarding both the administration of the election and the role of BIDs in opposing the formation of the SRNC. Documents obtained in response to these requests, and similar requests submitted by other individuals, informed the public's understanding of the role of BIDs in the SRNC election. Information from those disclosures have been featured in media articles from outlets including LA Weekly and Los Angeles Magazine. Additionally, the BID's role in the SRNC election as revealed in public records was the subject of an exhibit at the Los Angeles Poverty Department's Museum. Petitioner is a member of the public within the meaning of §§ 6252(b)-(c).

6. Respondent Little Tokyo Business Association is a property owners' association pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets & Highways Code §§ 36600, *et seq.* Respondent contracts with the City of Los Angeles to manage the Little Tokyo Business Improvement District. Respondent is subject to the CPRA as a matter of state law. California Streets & Highways Code § 36612.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7. This court has jurisdiction under Gov't Code §§ 6258, 6259, Code of Civ. Proc. § 1085, and Article VI, Section 10 of the California Constitution.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all references to code sections are to the Cal. Gov't Code.

8. Venue is proper in this Court. The records in question, or some portion of them, are situated in the County of Los Angeles, Gov't Code § 6259; the acts or omissions complained of occurred in the County of Los Angeles, Code of Civ. Proc. § 393; finally, Respondent is located in the County of Los Angeles, Code of Civ. Proc. § 395.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

### **Background on the SRNC election at issue in Petitioner's unanswered CPRA requests**

9. The City of Los Angeles, sprawling as it is, utilizes a citywide system of neighborhood councils, created by ordinance, to assist communities in working with local government to address community needs. There are 97 neighborhood councils across Los Angeles, each receiving public funds to support their activities. The Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“DONE”) coordinates with the neighborhood councils and provides operational support.

10. On November 29, 2016, the “Skid Row Neighborhood Council Formation Committee” submitted a subdivision application to DONE for the purpose of initiating an election to subdivide existing neighborhood councils in order to form a new Skid Row Neighborhood Council. The committee took special consideration in drafting the proposed SRNC bylaws to guarantee multiple board seats to low-income renters and/or unhoused individuals, as well as to those providing services to those communities. This arrangement is in contrast to other local neighborhood councils, including the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (from which the SRNC would have been subdivided), in which business interests comprise a majority of the governing board under the bylaws, and no seats are designated for renters, let alone low-income renters.

11. On January 11, 2017, DONE approved the subdivision application. Subsequently, an election to establish the new SRNC was scheduled for March 29th, 2017 – April 6th, 2017.

12. At the conclusion of voting, the formation of the SRNC was defeated, with DONE's official canvass of votes showing 766 votes in favor, and 826 votes opposed, to the formation of the SRNC.



1       **Petitioner submits a CPRA request and multiple follow-ups to Respondent.**  
2       **Respondent neglects its duties and withholds all responsive records**

3       13.     On May 28, 2017, Petitioner submitted a CPRA request to Respondent via the  
4       “contact us” webform on Respondent’s website. The request sought two categories of records: (1)  
5       all emails which contained an enumerated list of names and/or phrases related to the SRNC  
6       election; and (2) all emails to and/or from a number of named individuals. The time scope of the  
7       request was January 1, 2017, through May 28, 2017. Petitioner submitted the request via the  
8       webform because the BID does not publicize a general email.

9       14.     Petitioner submitted the same request on June 3, 2017, via email to the BID, in the  
10      person of Ellen Endo. According to the BID’s website, Endo is the President and Co-Chair of the  
11      BID. That request was identical to the request first submitted on May 28, 2017. A true and correct  
12      copy of the June 3, 2017, email from Petitioner to Respondent is attached as Exhibit A

13      15.     The BID failed to respond to the request within 10 days, as required by the CPRA. §  
14      6253(c). As the days turned to weeks, and the weeks to months, the BID failed to send any reply  
15      whatsoever in response to Petitioner’s request. As such, the BID withheld all requested records,  
16      unlawfully denying Petitioner, and the public at large, access to them.

17      16.     Rather than proceeding directly to litigation, Petitioner made additional attempts to  
18      obtain the records. In March of 2018, after Respondent had denied access to the requested records  
19      for approximately ten months, Petitioner submitted a follow-up letter, delivered both by certified  
20      mail on March 21, 2018, and by email on March 22, 2018. A true and correct copy of the March 22,  
21      2018, follow-up letter is attached as Exhibit B.

22      17.     On March 23, 2018, Respondent sent its first—and, to date, only—communication  
23      regarding this request. In the email, Endo states, “I will put together all of my pertinent emails but  
24      must ask for your patience.” Thus, the BID confirmed that it had, for the preceding ten months,  
25      ignored its responsibility to gather and review records in response to Petitioner’s 2017 request.  
26      After continuing that it had no paid staff, the BID stated that it would “endeavor to provide the  
27      information requested within the next two weeks.” A true and correct copy of the BID’s March 23,  
28      2018, email is attached as Exhibit C.

1           18.     On the same day, in response to the BID's email, Petitioner sent an email thanking  
2 the BID and clarifying that the request called for records from all of the BID's officers, not only  
3 from Endo. A true and correct copy of Petitioner's March 23, 2018, reply is attached as Exhibit D.

4           19.     Two weeks passed and the BID produced neither an additional response, nor any of  
5 the requested records. Rather than proceeding directly to litigation, Petitioner, on April 9, 2018, sent  
6 another follow-up email, inquiring as to the status of the request. A true and correct copy of  
7 Petitioner's April 9, 2018, email is attached as Exhibit E.

8           20.     The BID did not respond to Petitioner's April 9, 2018, inquiry. However, on May 3,  
9 2018, Petitioner made a final attempt to obtain the records and settle this matter without proceeding  
10 to litigation. Petitioner's email states, in relevant part:

11                 Ms. Endo,

12                 I am sending this follow-up in an attempt to resolve this matter before  
13 proceeding to legal action. It has been nearly a year since I first requested  
14 these records. I have been patient in consideration of your lack of paid  
15 staff, however, your lack of staff does not allow you to deny all access to  
16 public records related to the operation of the Little Tokyo BID.

17                 If you do not provide the requested records within two weeks of this  
18 email, I will understand your refusal to provide records as a denial of my  
19 request and will proceed accordingly.

20                 It is my hope that you provide the records in order to resolve this matter.

21                 Thank you for your consideration. If you need any additional information  
22 from me related to this, please let me know.

23 A true and correct copy of Petitioner's May 3, 2018, email is attached as Exhibit F.

24           21.     The BID did not respond. It has been over a year since Petitioner first requested the  
25 records. To date, the BID has denied all access to the requested records.

26                 **Responsive records exist and are being withheld**

27           22.     Petitioner has obtained, via other public record act requests submitted by herself and  
28 others, records which establish that responsive records exist and, thus, are being unlawfully  
withheld by the BID.

          23.     An email with the subject "\*\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\* Skid Row Neighborhood

1 Council” was sent to Endo by Estela Lopez, whose email signature identifies her as representing the  
2 Downtown Industrial BID, on March 20, 2017. The email described the lobbying effort to oppose  
3 the formation of the SRNC, provided an action item (“[t]he next **IMMEDIATE STEP is to call on**  
4 **Councilman Jose Huizar to support the community’s call for a postponement of this**  
5 **election...**) (emphasis in the original), and solicited donations for United Downtown Los Angeles,  
6 LLC. The email is responsive to Petitioner’s request, as it was sent during the specified time scope,  
7 contains multiple identified search terms (i.e., “Skid Row Neighborhood Council”; “Rocky  
8 Delgadillo”; “United Downtown LA, LLC”;), and was received from Estela Lopez. A true and  
9 correct copy of March 20, 2017, email is attached as Exhibit G.

10 24. An email was sent from Endo to a number recipients, including Estela Lopez, as part  
11 of a thread on March 22, 2017. That email indicated that Endo would be attending a special meeting  
12 of the Los Angeles City Council regarding the SRNC election. The email is responsive to  
13 Petitioner’s request as it was sent during the specified time scope, contains the identified search  
14 term “Skid Row Neighborhood Council,” and was sent to Estela Lopez. At the meeting, Endo filled  
15 out a speaker card which identified her as speaking on behalf of the BID. A true and correct copy of  
16 the March 22, 2017, email, and Endo’s speaker card, are attached as Exhibit H.

17 25. Joanne Kumamoto, who the BID’s website identifies as BID Co-Chair, had an email  
18 exchange with Mike Fong of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on April 5, 2017,  
19 regarding electioneering and election monitoring of the SRNC election. That email exchange is  
20 responsive to Petitioner’s request, as it occurred during the specified time scope and contains the  
21 identified search term “Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.” A true and correct copy of  
22 the April 5, 2017, email exchange is attached as Exhibit I.

23 26. All of the above responsive records, as well as all other responsive records in the  
24 BID’s possession, were withheld in response to Petitioner’s CPRA request.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

3 **GOV'T CODE § 6250, *et seq.***

4 27. Petitioner incorporates herein by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 26  
5 above, as if set forth in full.

6 28. Respondent is subject to the CPRA under California Streets & Highways Code §  
7 36612.

8 **General principles of the California Public Records Act**

9 29. Under the California Public Records Act, § 6250 *et seq.*, all records that are  
10 prepared, owned, used, or retained by any public agency, and that are not subject to the CPRA's  
11 statutory exemptions to disclosure, must be made publicly available for inspection and copying  
12 upon request. § 6253.

13 30. In enacting the CPRA, the legislature recognized that:

14 A requester, having no access to agency files, may be unable to  
15 precisely identify the documents sought. Thus, writings may be  
16 described by their content. The agency must then determine whether it  
17 has such writings under its control and the applicability of any  
exemption. An agency is thus obliged to search for records based on  
criteria set forth in the search request.

18 *California First Amendment Coalition v. Superior Court*, 67 Cal. App. 4th 159, 165-66 (1998); *see*  
19 § 6253(b).

20 31. Upon receiving a request, an agency must determine whether the request, in whole or  
21 in part, seeks copies of disclosable records in the agency's possession. § 6253(c). An agency must  
22 inform the requestor as to its determination of disclosability within ten days of the agency's receipt  
23 of the request, barring statutorily-defined "unusual circumstances." § 6253(c). While an agency may  
24 adopt requirements for itself that allow for faster, more efficient, or greater public access to records  
25 than prescribed by the CPRA's minimum standards, an agency is not permitted to delay or obstruct  
26 the inspection or copying of records. §§ 6253(d)-(e).

27 32. An agency is required to make non-exempt records available "promptly" upon  
28 request. § 6253(b).

1           33.     In order to further prevent agency delay, the CPRA contains provisions to prohibit an  
2 agency from relying on litigation to delay the production of records. The CPRA both directs that a  
3 trial court in a CPRA proceeding reach a decision as soon as possible (§ 6258) and contains a  
4 provision for expedited appellate review (§ 6259(c)). These provisions express the legislative intent  
5 that records must be made available promptly and without delay, whether that delay is caused by  
6 agency procedure, agency non-response, or agency litigation. *See, e.g., Filarsky v. Superior Court*  
7 (2002) 28 Cal.4th 419, 427.

8           34.     Where an agency withholds responsive records on the basis of a statutory exemption,  
9 “the agency ... must disclose that fact.” *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001) 26 Cal. 4th 1061, 1072  
10 (citing § 6255). The agency bears the burden of justifying nondisclosure. § 6255(a). Even if parts of  
11 a particular document are exempt, the agency must disclose the remainder of the document. §  
12 6253(a).

13           35.     If an agency fails to comply with these statutory provisions, the CPRA authorizes a  
14 person to file a petition for writ of mandate to enforce their right to inspect or to receive a copy of  
15 the record. § 6258.

16           36.     Whenever it is made to appear by verified petition to the superior court of the county  
17 where the records or some part thereof are situated that certain public records are being improperly  
18 withheld from a member of the public, the court shall order the officer or person charged with  
19 withholding the records to disclose the public record or show cause why they should not do so. The  
20 court shall decide the case after examining the record in camera (if permitted by the Evidence  
21 Code), papers filed by the parties, and any oral argument and additional evidence as the court may  
22 allow. § 6259(a).

23           37.     The CPRA contains a mandatory attorney’s fee provision for the prevailing plaintiff.  
24 § 6259(d). The purpose of the attorney’s fee provision is to provide “protections and incentives for  
25 members of the public to seek judicial enforcement of their right to inspect public records subject to  
26 disclosure.” *Filarsky v. Superior Court* (2002) 28 Cal.4th 419, 427.

27           38.     A plaintiff prevails under the CPRA where the plaintiff shows that an agency  
28 unlawfully denied access to records. *Community Youth Athletic Center v. City of National City*

1 (2013) 220 Cal.App.4th 1385, 1446-1447. An agency is not protected from liability merely because  
2 the denial of access was due to the agency's internal logistical problems or general neglect of its  
3 duties. *Id.*

4 **The BID completely failed its duties under the CPRA and withheld all requested**  
5 **records from Petitioner**

6 39. Here, Petitioner submitted a request for basic, easy-to-provide records concerning  
7 the BID's participation in a matter of great public concern: namely, the election to decide whether  
8 Skid Row would win its own neighborhood council. Petitioner's requests triggered the BID's duty  
9 to locate responsive records, to determine whether those records are public and disclosable, and to  
10 provide those records promptly.

11 40. The BID refused to comply with its duties under the CPRA and, in so doing, has  
12 denied Petitioner all access to the requested public records. At no time did the BID indicate that it  
13 had located the requested records. At no time did the BID make a determination of disclosability. At  
14 no time did the BID state under what exemptions, if any, it was withholding records. Most  
15 significantly, at no time did the BID provide records.

16 41. In denying access to the requested records, the BID has obscured its role in a matter  
17 of public significance. The residents of Skid Row labored and organized to create a local governing  
18 body for the purpose of better coordinating with City government to meet the needs of some of Los  
19 Angeles' most imperiled and dispossessed residents. The formation of the SRNC was opposed by  
20 United DTLA, a secretive organization employing a prominent—and no doubt expensive—lobbyist,  
21 which apparently enjoyed funding and in-kind support by Respondent and other Business  
22 Improvement Districts. Petitioner, after obtaining glimpses of Respondent's involvement, lawfully  
23 requested records which, if disclosed, will throw into the full light of day the nature and scope of  
24 Respondent's efforts to defeat Skid Row residents' hopes for a neighborhood council of their own.  
25 When faced with this exposure, Respondent refused access and opted instead for secrecy,  
26 obstruction, and lawlessness. Respondent neglected every obligation imposed by the CPRA and  
27 refused to provide even a single record, in clear violation of the law.

28 42. Therefore, Petitioner respectfully petitions for a writ of mandate ordering the BID to

1 comply with the CPRA.

2 **A WRIT OF MANDATE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF IS APPROPRIATE**

3 43. Respondent has a clear, present, ministerial duty to comply with the California  
4 Constitution and Gov't Code § 6250, *et seq.*

5 44. Petitioner has performed all conditions precedent to filing this petition. There are no  
6 administrative exhaustion requirements under Gov't Code § 6250, *et seq.*


7 45. Petitioner has no plain, speedy, adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law other  
8 than the relief sought in this petition.

9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

- 11 1. That this Court issue a declaration that Respondent violated the California Public  
12 Records Act by its acts and omissions described in this petition.
- 13 2. That the Court issue a peremptory writ of mandate directing Respondent to locate all  
14 requested records and to provide Petitioner with all requested records, except records  
15 that the Court determines may lawfully be withheld.
- 16 3. That Petitioner be awarded attorney's fees and costs; and
- 17 4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper and just.
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20 DATED: May 29, 2018

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24 ABENICIO CISNEROS  
25 Attorney for Petitioner  
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 in LOS ANGELES, California.

  
KATHERINE MCNENNY  
Petitioner and Plaintiff



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**EXHIBIT A**

**Subject:** Following up with my Public Records Request dated May 28th 2017

**From:** Katherine McNenny [REDACTED]

**To:** ellenendo@yahoo.com;

**Cc:** issuesandsolutions@yahoo.com;

**Bcc:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Saturday, June 3, 2017 8:25 PM

Ms. Endo,

Attached is a screen shot of the Public Records Request I made recently through your portal. Since I have yet to receive any correspondence back pertaining to my request, I thought it best to also email you directly. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Below is the request again.

Sincerely,  
Katherine McNenny

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This is a public records request for all emails (in electronic form only please) from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to today, May 28th 2017 which include all mentions of:

- The Skid Row Neighborhood Council or The Skid Row Neighborhood Council Formation Committee
- Liner Law, Liner or Liner LLP
- Unite DTLA
- United DTLA
- United Downtown LA, LLC
- Rocky Delgadillo
- Matthew Nichols
- Chris Loos
- General Jeff or Jeff Page
- Katherine McNenny
- The Little Tokyo Lofts
- DLANC (The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council)
- The Downtown News or any reporter from the Downtown News
- The LA Times or any reporter from the LA Times
- HCNC (Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council)

- The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
- Urbanize.la or UrbanizeLA

Also, all emails TO and FROM:

- Rocky Delgadillo
- Matthew Nichols
- Alan Kumamoto
- Ron Fong
- Estela Lopez

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Katherine McNenny



Support the Skid Row Neighborhood Council-Formation Committee! [skidrowneighborhoodcouncil.com](http://skidrowneighborhoodcouncil.com)

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## **Attachments**

- Little Tokyo BID Public Records Request 5-28-17.JPG (161.37KB)

**EXHIBIT B**

Subject: Fw: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:30:29 PM PDT

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Attached is also the receipt for the certified mail.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Katherine McNenny [REDACTED]

To: ellenendo@yahoo.com <ellenendo@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:27:35 PM PDT

Subject: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

(sent via certified mail and via email to ellenendo@yahoo.com)

Ellen Endo  
President/BID Co-Chair  
Little Tokyo Business Association  
250 E. 1st Street #201  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Ms. Endo,

I'm writing to follow-up on my California Public Records Act request. I first submitted the request on May 28, 2017, via the BID's website at <http://www.visitlittletokyo.com/Contact-Us.html>. After receiving no response, I emailed you the request at ellenendo@yahoo.com on June 3, 2017. I have still received no response. For your convenience, I will reproduce the request below. Please provide the records in electronic format to me at [REDACTED]. Please contact me via that email address if you have any questions or need any clarification. Thank you.

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**EXHIBIT C**



Subject: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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From: ellenendo@yahoo.com

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, March 23, 2018 08:59:11 AM PDT

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Ms. McNenny,

I will put together all of my pertinent emails but must ask for your patience. We are an all-volunteer, merchant-based BID and have no paid staff. However, we will endeavor to provide the information requested within the next two weeks.

Ellen Endo  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katherine McNenny [REDACTED]

**To:** "ellenendo@yahoo.com" <ellenendo@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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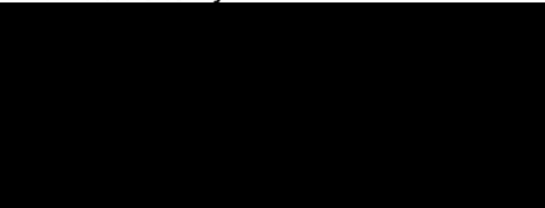
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Sincerely,  
Katherine McNenny

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**EXHIBIT D**

Subject: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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From: [REDACTED]

To: ellenendo@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, March 23, 2018 11:18:10 AM PDT

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Ms. Endo,

Thank you for the response. I look forward to receiving records. As a clarification, I am requesting the records from all of the BID's officers, not just yourself. A list of BID officers can be found here: <http://www.visitlittletokyo.com/About-LTBA.html>.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this.

Sincerely,  
Katherine

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Katherine McNenny



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**From:** Ellen Endo <ellenendo@yahoo.com>

**To:** Katherine McNenny [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 8:59 AM

**Subject:** Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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Ellen Endo



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**To:** "ellenendo@yahoo.com" <ellenendo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:28 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

(sent via certified mail and via email to ellenendo@yahoo.com)

Ellen Endo  
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Little Tokyo Business Association  
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**EXHIBIT E**

Subject: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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From: [REDACTED]

To: ellenendo@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 02:56:27 PM PDT

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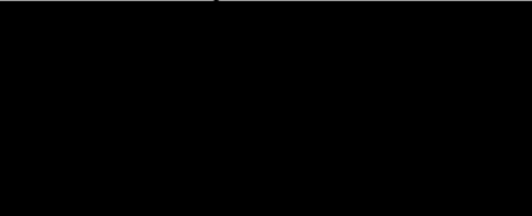
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**EXHIBIT F**

Subject: Re: Follow-up to May 28, 2017, California Public Records Act request

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From: [REDACTED]

To: ellenendo@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:52:24 PM PDT

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Ms. Endo,

I am sending this follow-up in an attempt to resolve this matter before proceeding to legal action. It has been nearly a year since I first requested these records. I have been patient in consideration of your lack of paid staff, however, your lack of staff does not allow you to deny all access to public records related to the operation of the Little Tokyo BID.

If you do not provide the requested records within two weeks of this email, I will understand your refusal to provide records as a denial of my request and will proceed accordingly.

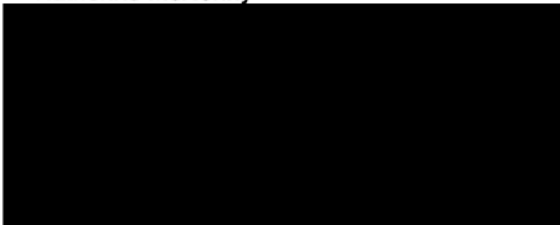
It is my hope that you provide the records in order to resolve this matter.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need any additional information from me related to this, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Katherine

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Katherine McNenny



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**EXHIBIT G**

**\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhoo...

**Subject:** **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhood Council

**From:** "Estela Lopez" <beatus821@gmail.com>

**Date:** 03/20/2017 05:29 PM

**To:** "kent hawkins" <kent@statewideacqcorp.com>, "Elizabeth Peterson" <elizabeth@epgla.com>, "Jenni Harris" <jharris@ATLAS-CAP.COM>, "Carolyn Leslie" <cleslie@ATLAS-CAP.COM>, "Joanne" <jkumamoto@aol.com>, <ellenendo@yahoo.com>, "Josh Albrektson" <joshraymd@gmail.com>, "John Howland" <jhowland@ccala.org>, "Nick Griffin" <ngriffin@downtownla.com>, <blairbesten@gmail.com>, <robertnewman2@gmail.com>, "Rena Leddy" <rena@fashiondistrict.org>, <dan.curnow@gmail.com>, "Relissa" <relissagreer@yahoo.com>, "Melissa Martinez" <melissa@superiorseafoodco.com>, <jc@downtownventure.com>, "Karen Christopherson" <Karen@aimanagementco.com>, <samkogp@sbcglobal.net>, <shirley@seawin.com>, "Merle Ojiri" <MOjiri@yamasafishcake.com>, <rose.park@lanystyle.com>, <miguel@marvimon.com>, <nasirk@sbcglobal.net>, "Jessica Lall" <JLall@ccala.org>, "Marie Rumsey" <mrumsey@ccala.org>, "Tanner Blackman" <tblackman@kindelgagan.com>, "George Yu" <geoyu28@aol.com>, <Charlie@Megatoys.com>, "Peklar Pilavjian" <pekлар@live.com>, "Bob Smiland" <bsmiland@inner-cityarts.org>, "Dilip Bhavnani" <dilip@sunscopeusa.com>, "Don Steier" <donsteier@gslawla.com>, "Drew Bauer" <DrewBauer@YoungsHoldings.com>, "Ernie Doizaki" <edoizaki@kansasmarine.com>, "Howard Klein" <howard.klein@oceanbeauty.com>, "Larry Rauch" <lrauch@lacold.com>, "Mark Shinbane" <marks@ore-cal.com>, "Matt Klein" <mklein@hbkinv.com>

Everyone,

Just a quick update on the meeting this afternoon at City Hall. This issue was before the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Thank you to each of you who were there in person to testify to the failure of proper notice and extreme limitations on voter engagement. All of your testimonies will now go into the public record together with the letter prepared by Rocky Delgadillo, and will form the basis for challenging the City's process thus far.

Rocky was there as well and testified on behalf of United Downtown LA, the organization that is representing YOU stakeholders in the proposed boundaries who believe they have been disenfranchised by this process.

In the end, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners took no action. Their position is that they have no jurisdiction to postpone the election.

**The next IMMEDIATE step is to call on Councilman Jose Huizar to support the community's call for a postponement of this election. Call or email the Councilmember TODAY. Below and attached are brief bullet points you can use. The Councilmember can be reached at 213-473-7014 and at [jose.huizar@lacity.org](mailto:jose.huizar@lacity.org).**

The next and final community "town hall" meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March**



**29 at 6pm.** It was announced today that the location for this meeting has changed. It will now take place at the headquarters of the **LA Community Action Network (LA CAN), 838 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.**

This is a serious campaign. At stake is your voice and your vote. If you have not already contributed, please make your checks payable to:

**United Downtown Los Angeles LLC**

Suggested talking points (also see attached):

- I am a business owner/property owner within the boundaries of the proposed Skid Row Neighborhood Council.
- I am extremely concerned about the lack of notice and numerous flaws in the process conducted thus far by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- I am one of a very large group of stakeholders who did not receive any information from the City about this proposal. We do not know what this means for us, who is for or against this proposal, or why this is being proposed.
- We are now learning that the election is April 6. We have also learned that the election will be held in one location for four hours. That is an impossible situation for the many persons affected by the outcome of this election.
- It seems to us that our right to be informed and our right to vote in a City election is being completely violated.
- This election must be suspended until such time that there is adequate information, notification and opportunity for all interested stakeholders to vote.

*Cordially,*

*Estela Lopez  
Downtown Industrial District BID  
725 Crocker St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90021  
213-228-8484*

— Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_

Main points.pdf

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**EXHIBIT H**

Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighbo...

**Subject:** Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhood Council

**From:** Ellen Endo <ellenendo@yahoo.com>

**Date:** 03/22/2017 12:12 PM

**To:** Jessica Lall <jlall@ccala.org>, Samko General Partnership <samkogp@sbcglobal.net>, Scott Gray <scott@capitalforesight.com>, Estela Lopez <beatus821@gmail.com>, kent hawkins <kent@statewideacqcorp.com>, Elizabeth Peterson <elizabeth@epgla.com>, Jenni Harris <jharris@atlas-cap.com>, Carolyn Leslie <cleslie@atlas-cap.com>, Joanne <jkumamoto@aol.com>, "akumamoto@aol.com" <akumamoto@aol.com>, Josh Albrectson <joshraymd@gmail.com>, John Howland <jhowland@ccala.org>, Nick Griffin <ngriffin@downtownla.com>, Carol Schatz <cschatz@downtownla.com>, Marie Rumsey <mrumsey@ccala.org>, "blairbesten@gmail.com" <blairbesten@gmail.com>, "robertnewman2@gmail.com" <robertnewman2@gmail.com>, Rena Leddy <rena@fashiondistrict.org>, "dan.curnow@gmail.com" <dan.curnow@gmail.com>, Relissa <relissagreer@yahoo.com>, "jc@downtownventure.com" <jc@downtownventure.com>, Karen Christopherson <Karen@aimanagementco.com>, "shirley@seawin.com" <shirley@seawin.com>, Merle Ojiri <MOjiri@yamasafishcake.com>, "rose.park@lanystyle.com" <rose.park@lanystyle.com>, "miguel@marvimon.com" <miguel@marvimon.com>, "nasirk@sbcglobal.net" <nasirk@sbcglobal.net>, Tanner Blackman <tblackman@kindelgagan.com>, George Yu <geoyu28@aol.com>, "Charlie@megatoys.com" <Charlie@megatoys.com>, Peklar Pilavjian <peklar@live.com>, "steve.lee@steleeind.com" <steve.lee@steleeind.com>, DTCommissary <dtcommissary@gmail.com>, Bob Smiland <bsmiland@inner-cityarts.org>, Dilip Bhavnani <dilip@sunscopeusa.com>, Don Steier <donsteier@gslawla.com>, Drew Bauer <DrewBauer@youngsholdings.com>, Ernie Doizaki <edoizaki@kansasmarine.com>, Howard Klein <howard.klein@oceanbeauty.com>, Larry Rauch <lrauch@lacold.com>, Mark Shinbane <marks@ore-cal.com>, Matt Klein <mklein@hbkinv.com>

I will be there for Little Tokyo.

If it's not too late, please add my car.

Ellen Endo

2007 Suzuki Aerio

White

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 9:01 AM, Jessica Lall <jlall@ccala.org> wrote:

Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighbo...

CCA will be there. Thank you!

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**From:** Samko General Partnership [mailto:samkogp@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:07 PM  
**To:** Scott Gray <scott@capitalforesight.com>; Estela Lopez <beatus821@gmail.com>; kent hawkins <kent@statewideacqcorp.com>; Elizabeth Peterson <elizabeth@epgla.com>; Jenni Harris <jharris@atlas-cap.com>; Carolyn Leslie <cleslie@atlas-cap.com>; Joanne <jkumamoto@aol.com>; akumamoto@aol.com; Ellen Endo <ellenendo@yahoo.com>; Josh Albrektson <joshraymd@gmail.com>; John Howland <jhowland@ccala.org>; Nick Griffin <ngriffin@downtownla.com>; Carol Schatz <cschatz@downtownla.com>; Jessica Lall <jlall@ccala.org>; Marie Rumsey <mrumsey@ccala.org>; blairbesten@gmail.com; robertnewman2@gmail.com; Rena Leddy <rena@fashiondistrict.org>; dan.curnow@gmail.com; Relissa <relissagreer@yahoo.com>; jc@downtownventure.com; Karen Christopherson <Karen@aimanagementco.com>; shirley@seawin.com; Merle Ojiri <MOjiri@yamasafishcake.com>; rose.park@lanystyle.com; miguel@marvimon.com; nasirk@sbcglobal.net; Tanner Blackman <tblackman@kindelgagan.com>; George Yu <geoyu28@aol.com>; Charlie@megatoys.com; Peklar Pilavjian <pekлар@live.com>; steve.lee@steleeind.com; DTCommissary <dtcommissary@gmail.com>; Bob Smiland <bsmiland@inner-cityarts.org>; Dilip Bhavnani <dilip@sunscopeusa.com>; Don Steier <donsteier@gslawla.com>; Drew Bauer <DrewBauer@youngsholdings.com>; Ernie Doizaki <edoizaki@kansasmarine.com>; Howard Klein <howard.klein@oceanbeauty.com>; Larry Rauch <lrauch@lacold.com>; Mark Shinbane <marks@ore-cal.com>; Matt Klein <mklein@hbkinv.com>  
**Subject:** Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhood Council

Hi Estella,

I have a :

2014 Black

Toyota Camry

LN 7CLJ723

Thank you,

Kathleen Damani

GM

SAMKO LLC

208 E. 6th Street #A-11

Los Angeles, CA 90014

213-489-4372

[samkogp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:samkogp@sbcglobal.net)

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:07 PM, Scott Gray <[scott@capitalforesight.com](mailto:scott@capitalforesight.com)> wrote:

There are also City Public Lots on N. Los Angeles at the Mall and on Judge John Also Street, between Temple and 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Scott W Gray**

Director of Operations

Capital Foresight

O: 310-234-9598

C: 909-586-0000

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**From:** Estela Lopez [mailto:[beatus821@gmail.com](mailto:beatus821@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:53 PM

**To:** 'Samko General Partnership'; 'kent hawkins'; 'Elizabeth Peterson'; 'Jenni Harris'; 'Carolyn Leslie'; 'Joanne'; [akumamoto@aol.com](mailto:akumamoto@aol.com); 'Ellen Endo'; 'Josh Albrektson'; 'John Howland'; 'Nick Griffin'; 'Carol Schatz'; 'Jessica Lall'; 'Marie Rumsey'; [blairbesten@gmail.com](mailto:blairbesten@gmail.com); [robertnewman2@gmail.com](mailto:robertnewman2@gmail.com); 'Rena Leddy'; [dan.curnow@gmail.com](mailto:dan.curnow@gmail.com); 'Relissa'; [jc@downtownventure.com](mailto:jc@downtownventure.com); 'Karen Christopherson'; [shirley@seawin.com](mailto:shirley@seawin.com); 'Merle Ojiri'; [rose.park@lanystyle.com](mailto:rose.park@lanystyle.com); [miquel@marvimon.com](mailto:miquel@marvimon.com); [nasirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nasirk@sbcglobal.net); 'Tanner Blackman'; 'George Yu'; [Charlie@Megatoys.com](mailto:Charlie@Megatoys.com); 'Peklar Pilavjian'; [steve.lee@steleeind.com](mailto:steve.lee@steleeind.com); 'DTCommissary'; [scott@capitalforesight.com](mailto:scott@capitalforesight.com); 'Bob Smiland'; 'Dilip Bhavnani'; 'Don Steier'; 'Drew Bauer'; 'Ernie Doizaki'; 'Howard Klein'; 'Larry Rauch'; 'Mark Shinbane'; 'Matt Klein'

**Subject:** RE: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhood Council

Kathleen, thanks for asking the question. I just checked with the Council office and they will make arrangements for us.

Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighbo...

Everyone: please send me ASAP your car info (make, model, license) and I will submit it to the Council office. See parking directions attached.

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**From:** Samko General Partnership [<mailto:samkogp@sbcglobal.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:11 PM

**To:** Estela Lopez; 'kent hawkins'; 'Elizabeth Peterson'; 'Jenni Harris'; 'Carolyn Leslie'; 'Joanne'; [akumamoto@aol.com](mailto:akumamoto@aol.com); 'Ellen Endo'; Josh Albrectson; 'John Howland'; 'Nick Griffin'; 'Carol Schatz'; 'Jessica Lall'; 'Marie Rumsey'; [blairbesten@gmail.com](mailto:blairbesten@gmail.com); [robertnewman2@gmail.com](mailto:robertnewman2@gmail.com); 'Rena Leddy'; [dan.curnow@gmail.com](mailto:dan.curnow@gmail.com); 'Relissa'; [jc@downtownventure.com](mailto:jc@downtownventure.com); 'Karen Christopherson'; [shirley@seawin.com](mailto:shirley@seawin.com); 'Merle Ojiri'; [rose.park@lanystyle.com](mailto:rose.park@lanystyle.com); [miguel@marvimon.com](mailto:miguel@marvimon.com); [nasirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nasirk@sbcglobal.net); 'Tanner Blackman'; 'George Yu'; [Charlie@Megatoys.com](mailto:Charlie@Megatoys.com); 'Peklar Pilavjian'; [steve.lee@steleeind.com](mailto:steve.lee@steleeind.com); 'DTCommissary'; [scott@capitalforesight.com](mailto:scott@capitalforesight.com); Bob Smiland; Dilip Bhavnani; Don Steier; Drew Bauer; Ernie Doizaki; Howard Klein; Larry Rauch; Mark Shinbane; Matt Klein

**Subject:** Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighborhood Council

I will be there. Is parking there at City Hall for evening meetings?

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On Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:54 PM, Estela Lopez <[beatus821@gmail.com](mailto:beatus821@gmail.com)> wrote:

Everyone,

Councilman Huizar's office is receiving your feedback on this issue. Your calls and emails are definitely being noted.

**UPDATE:** The City Council Rules & Elections committee has just added a **special 5:30pm meeting for TOMORROW** to discuss online voting for the Skid Row Neighborhood Council election. Councilmember Huizar is a member of this committee and will be present. \_

**We need you at this meeting**

Re: **\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE\*\*** Skid Row Neighbo...

This is an important opportunity to provide the same testimony as yesterday. This election process has not been open and transparent, the outreach was not inclusive, and the majority of those who will be affected by the outcome had no knowledge of the proposal. Online voting is only one aspect of a fair neighborhood council election.

I have attached the Council committee agenda. We need a strong and representative group to appear and testify. Again, if it is helpful, we can provide transportation to City Hall from our office.

*Cordially,*

*Estela Lopez  
Downtown Industrial District BID  
725 Crocker St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90021  
213-228-8484*

**EXHIBIT I**





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## Fwd: Skid Row Pop-up

1 message

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Mike Fong <mike.fong@lacity.org>  
To: Armando Ruiz <armando.ruiz@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:08 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Joanne <jkumamoto@aol.com>  
Date: Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 2:13 PM  
Subject: Re: Skid Row Pop-up  
To: Mike Fong <mike.fong@lacity.org>

Thanks for your reply.  
Joanne

Sent from my iPhone 6s Plus

On Apr 5, 2017, at 2:09 PM, Mike Fong <mike.fong@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Joanne,

Hope you are doing well.

Thank you very much for your email.

For pop-up polls, people cannot be electioneering within 25 feet of the pop-up poll.

Sorry for the disruption. We did speak with them also regarding their yelling. Their physical presence was more than 25 feet away from the poll. We will continue to monitor the pop-up polls as well as the main poll location tomorrow.

There is a pop-up from 4 pm - 7 pm on Wednesday, April 5 at the Medallion Apts at 334 S Main Street.

Hope this helps.

Thanks!

Best,

Mike

On Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 12:18 PM, Joanne Kumamoto <jkumamoto@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

Just want you to be aware that yesterday at the Kurata Building some of the women walking over to vote said that there was a man yelling at them to vote yes. One woman said she went inside and there was a long waiting line and she could hear the man yelling at her inside the lobby. She said she felt intimidated and left. There were other reports of folks yelling to vote yes with signs. How is this being monitored outside?

Joanne

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